SPORTING NEWS

ALL SHORTSTOPS AREWEAK HITTERS

Present Day Players Not Good With the Stick.

OLD TIMERS WERE SLUGGERS

Hugh Jennings, George Davis and a Number of Others Were .300 Batters. Bush, Fletcher, O'Mara and Maranville Poor Swatters.

He is a great fielder, but he cannot

The above applies to almost all present day shortstops, though why it should be true has not been answered. It is not unusual to see a first baseman, a second baseman or a third baseman hit In the .300 class, but for some unknown reason shortstops of today hardly rank as fair hitters. Most of them are so light on the attack that they are known as weak batsmen.

Hans Wagner, now closing his career at short for the Pirates, has been the one notable exception during the past few years. Hans went through seventeen consecutive seasons in the sons even Honus has fallen victim to fected the shortstops.

In Other Years.

In the days when most of the present day managers were getting their baseball schooling in the majors heavy hitting shortstops were not uncommon. M'CONNELL SOME TRAVELER. Hugh Jennings, now with the Tigers, hit above 300 in seven seasons between 1801 and 1809. George Davis, who did his best work with the Giants and the White Sox, was another hard hitter. Davis latted above the 300 mark for nine successive seasons.

Herman Long, once a star with the old Boston Nationals, who closed his



Photo by American Press Association. ROBBIE MARANVILLE OF THE BRAVES.

major league career with the Detroit Tigers a few years ago, was another shortstop of the old school who failed to show any great weakness with the close to .325. Bill Dahlen batted his Way into the .300 class in three campaigns, and in two of these he batted above 360. John M. Ward was a 300 hitter in three campaigns and close to the mark in many more. Ed McKean of the old Cleveland Spiders was in the select circle no less than six times. Tommy Coreoran, though not as successful as those above mentioned in getting into the select circle, managed to reach the coveted class once and came close to it in other seasons. All these players were stars in the field and far more dangerous with the stick than the shortstops of today.

Joe Tinker, while never a .300 batsman in his cub days, was more dangerous than most present day players.

Fletcher Heads List.

The best hitting shortstop of the new school is Art Fletcher of the Giants. He has been McGraw's regular in this position since 1911, and he has butted over .300 only once,

Roger Peckinpaugh of the Yankees, generally rated as the best defensive shortstop in baseball, is one of the light hitters. Peck bats around .235. Buck Weaver of the White Sox, who

has been the regular for the past four years, has not gone beyond .272 since he joined the Sox.

Rabbit Maranville of the Braves, another of the great shortstops of the day, has not closed a campaign with a mark above .250,

Bush a Light Hitter.

Donie Bush of the Tigers is another who must be classed as a weak batsman. Bush joined the Tigers in 1908 and batted .294 for twenty games. He batted .273 in 1909, but never has reached that mark since.

Jack Barry during his days in the great Athletic infield was the weakest hitter of that quartet. Once he batted .275, but in all other campaigns he hit below .265. Now he plays second.

George McBride of the Senators is another of the same class. He is a great fielder, but in eight years be has

failed to bat above .235. Ray Chapman of the Indians, who was shifted recently to third base, batted above the ordinary run of shorttops while he held down the position.

HANDICAP TO TESREAU WHEN FACING MAJORS & Detroit,

"The first time I ever saw a professional ball team," said & Cleveland, ♦ Jeff Tesreau, "was when the ♦ Washington, Browns came down to Freder. • icksburg, Mo., to play an ama- • teur team for which Lpitched in . 1907. They beat us, 26 to 6.

"Later when I was in the In- . o ternational league Joe Yeager, o ⊕ formerly with the Browns and ⊕ then with Montreal, recognized @ Brooklyn, me as the kid who had pitched & Philadelphia, against St. Louis that day.

. "'Do you know the reason we . New York, hit you so hard? he asked. "'No,' I replied.

"'Why, your catcher gave his signals without attempting to conceal them, and they were & plain as day to us. All the bat- . ters knew what to expect, and . we were almost ashamed to beat . you that way.""

JACK KELLY NEW IRON MAN; STROKES ON THREE CREWS

Jack Kelly, the crack senior single Wilson, sculler of the Vesper Boat club, joined the ranks of the athletic "fron men" re- At Philadelphia cently by stroking three winning crews | Philadelphia, National league without falling out of and also winning the senior single Cincinnati, gatta, rowed over a mile and a quarter Wingo, Huhn. the light hitting germ which has af- straight away course on the Schuylkill river. Kelly rowed five and a quarter miles in about five hours, stroking the St. Louis, senior double sculls crew, senior centipede and senior eight oared shell crews. Williams and Snyder.

Cub Twirler Has Been In and Out of

Minor Baseball Leagues. Few Chicago baseball fans think of At Boston-second game George McConnell, the elongated pitch- Boston, er of the Cubs, as a veteran. A New Pittsburg, York writer reminds the world that this hurler was a member of the Yankees about ten years and has been in and out of the minor leagues several

"Whenever the roll call of baseball's grand old men is sounded the names New York Globe, "Nobody has proposed George McConnell for membership in this exclusive circle, yet "Long | follows: George" is verging on thirty-nine, and

he is still pitching good ball. "McConnell missed fame because his long career has led him into the minor leagues several times. It must have been about ten years ago since he two engagements here in New York | work at the club, and only at irregular be allowed to do it. and filled in the gaps with Interna- periods plays a full match of 18 holes. tional league be kings.

"After drifting about aimlessly for several seasons McConnell finally entered the National league via Chicago. Roger Bresnahan tried to attach a can ed to the Chicago Federals. His pitching helped Tinker to a pennant, and when the Chicago teams were amalga-He can still go some."

stick. In four sensons Long ranked | MATTY PLAYED FIRST BASE.

Great Pitcher Was Given Chance to into a first baseman, almost, was due simply to the fact that he had happened to hit a couple of home runs.

further talk about his playing first test is necessary.

COBB IS TO SHUN GOLF.

Agrees With Matty That Hitting Is Likely to Be Affected.

Tyrus Cobb of the Detroit Tigers is another baseball star who has decided recently printed declared that Christy Mathewson had reached the same con-

WALCOTT NOW A PIN BQY.

Up" in Boston Alley.

fingers stiffened out straight, making only one of its eight, its record would it impossible for him to don a boxing be 90 won and 64 lost.

King Son of Famous Player. years ago.

STANDING OF THE CLUES.

American League. Won Lost 64 Chicago, O New York & St. Louis, 33 113

American League Games Today.

New York at Boston. Washington at Philadelphia.

National League. Won Lost 65 Pittsburg, Chicago,

National League Games Today Pittsburg at Boston (morning). St. Louis at New York.

Chicago at Brooklyn.

YESTERDAY'S GAMES. American League

No games scheduled.

National League.

Chicago,

Pfeffer and Meyers; McConnell and

New York,

At Boston-first game Boston.

Nehf and Gowdy; Evans and Schmidt.

Allen and Gowdy; Jacobs and Wag

COUNTRY CLUB NOTES.

Clark Makes New Course Record, 79.

Jack Clark, the club professional, Brooklyn and Philadelphia. we hear most often are Honus Wag- made a course record yesterday that no The two big league schedules are a ner, Christy Mathewson, Napoleon La- amateur is likely to equal, his card for little weak today, but the rest of the fole, Eddie Plank and Mordecai Brown. 18 holes being 79. This is not an ex- week will be full of baseball. These five will average about thirty- tremely low score for some courses, but Alien, who won the second game These live will average about thirtynine years," says Sid Mercer in the
showing on comparatively new playing first appearance after an illness of ground where many natural obstacles over a month. He pitched gilt edge owned by the late W. S. Eaton, and confront the golfer. His record was as ball.

Dunham, Cowles and Brittan Semi-Finalists.

to 'Long George,' who promptly jump- Jr., have won their way into the semifinal round of the club championship, shy. The winner of the Onslow Thomp. Providence team. son Jacob Estey match will also go into mated McConnell was not forgotten. the semi-finals. Following were the scores in the second round: C. F. Bingham beat C. A. Boyden 10 and 8; D Cowles, jr., beat G. R. Anderson 5 and 1; L. G. Tasker defaulted to W. E Hubbard; L. L. Dunham beat H. C. Rice 6 and 5; J. P. Estey beat Joseph Estey Show His Wares at Initial Station. 2 and 1; C. M. Miller defaulted to Matty is always there with a laugh Onslow Thompson; T. T. Brittan beat when he is asked about his narrow es- F. C. Adams 7 and 6. In the third cape from becoming a first baseman round D. Cowles, jr., beat C. F. Binginstead of a pitcher. His conversion ham 4 and 3; L. L. Dunham beat W. E. Hubbard 7 and 6; T. T. Brittan beat F. H. Sanford 8 and 7.

Dennison Cowles, sr., and Dennison It immediately occurred to the co- Cowles, jr., will play today, weather lossal brains then handling the Giants permitting, their third match to dethat a man who batted home runs eide who is to lift The Reformer cup. bught to be in there every day instead This was offered for the best net score of only once or twice a week, and so medal play, regularly played in the Matty was notified that he would have first two weeks in September. The to take up first basing. Before the younger Cowles has a handicap of 18 change of plans had gone very far and his father is on the 30 mark. They there was a change in managers, and Matty returned to pitching without any further talk about his playing float

THE PENNANT RACES

Giants Still Have Chance Though Only

The slender margin of one game still keeps Brooklyn in the van in the not to mix golf with his regular busi- grueling race for the National league ness during the ball season. Dispatches Pennant. The leaders had to win yesterday to retain their place in front, for a defeat in the face of Philadelphia's victory, the latter, by virtue of the lower number of games it has played, Cobb holds that the golf stroke is so would have taken the lead. Boston, much different from the batting swing winning twice, gained half a game and teat his hitting was likely to be af- now stands three and one-half games behind Brooklyn. Philadelphia still has nine games to play-three with Brooklyn and six with Boston; Brooklyn has remaining eight games, one with Chicago, three with Philadelphia and four Once Famous Fighter "Setting 'Em with New York, Boston has 11 left-five with New York and six with Philadel Joe Walcott, once famous prize fight- phia. The situation is such that New er, is earning a scant living setting up York, in fourth place, still has a phypins in a Boston bowling alley. Since sical chance if it can keep up its great the day Walcott's hand was maimed winning streak. McGraw's men are six by a bullet he has had a hard row to and one-half games behind Brooklyn, with 10 games to play. Should they take After the wound healed one of the 62 lost. Then if Brooklyn should win

Although some football coaches would not be elated over the attendance of 12 candidates for an elever He started with 312 for thirty-one has joined the Philadelphia Athletics, Coach Diedrich Stolte said yesterday games in 1912, but in the intervening is a son of the former star outfielder, afternoon after the practice that he campaigns he has hit between .250 who played with "Pop" Anson many had something to be pleased about. Some days not over six appear for work.

PERSONAL.

Dr. Henry D. Holton is in Chester attending the Baptist state convention. Silas Hamilton went this morning to Worcester to enter Worcester academy. Martin Cunningham, who was hurt by one of his playmates, has returned to school.

Mrs. Everett Phillips spent yesterday in Northfield, Mass., with her cousin, Miss Jean McPherson.

Miss Ena McKinnon, nurse, has returned from a visit of several weeks in her home in Nova Scotia. Mrs. C. E. Stearns of Brooklyn is

visiting her sister, Mrs. C. C. Winches-

Mrs. Katherine Ahern and son, John, .604 of Keene, N. H., are visiting at the .589 home of Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Moran. .566 Mr. and Mrs. William Snow are vis-iting in town. Mr. Snow formerly was .433 manager of the Brooks House billiard .400 room.

ter, and other relatives in town.

Mrs. Frederick Cressy went today to Newport to spend a few days with Mr. Cressy, who is employed there tempo-

Mrs. G. M. Taylor has returned from Grafton, where she had spent seven weeks with her sister, Mrs. Fair-

Miss Marion Denning returned Sunday to Albany, N. Y., after having spent five weeks at her home on Wal-

Miss Fay Milton and Jesse Tenney of this place are spending a few days with Miss Milton's parents in Pena cook, N. H.

Barney S. Michelman and I. I. Michelman went this afternoon to Northampton, Mass., to attend the Jewish New Year's service. Frank Holbrook started yesterday

2 for Sioux City, Ia., where he has x the 300 class, but in his last two sea- sculls race in the Schuylkill navy re- Demarce and Killifer; Knetzer and daughter. He plans to visit his sister in Louisville, Ky., on his way to Cali-Sam Zar and son, Abraham, went

today to Worcester, Mass., to consult a specialist in regard to one of the Sallee and McCarty, Kocher; Watson, son's feet, which will be operated upon to straighten misplaced bones if it is thought advisable.

Theodore Parker and his sister arrived here last night from Springfield, Mass., called by the accident to their father, Nelson Parker, of West Brattlebore, who was badly gored by a cow yesterday afternoon.

Sporting Notes.

The Red Sox have hired Braves' field for the Boston games of the The Braves, with the advantage of a

double-header, crawled up a shade on

Sister be given a chance in some game also a large number of townspeople, 3, 5, 4, 4, 5, 5, 5, 5, 4 10-79 to play one inning in every position in A pleasant feature of the occasion was It will be seen that Clark did not the field. Sisler says that as a kid he the presence of Mrs. Augusta Barrett, profit by any freak holes. He simply did some catching. He has demonstrated who was born in the house and whose played well from start to finish, and cut in the big league that he can play ev- grandfather built it. A social after three under the bogey of the course, cry position but that of the receiver. It first joined the Yankees. He played Jack is a busy man with his general would be a unique record if he should

The Giants have not finished making | Chester Butler has returned to his a record yet it would appear. One feat studies at Colgate university. ture of the record made by the Providence team 32 years ago, which the Giants have now surpassed by two L. L. Dunham and Dennison Cowles, games, was that Charlie Radbourne, Brattleboro a few days last week. called by many experts the best man who ever stood in a pitcher's box, in which the president's cap is the tro- twirled 18 of the 20 games won by the ro Friday to begin her school Monday

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GRAFTON.

LONG BURNING PIPE A

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Pleasant House-Warming.

A very pleasant house-warming was given by Mrs. R. W. Barlow at her house Wednesday afternoon, Mrs. sively, making a very attractive home, Fans in St. Louis are anxious that Many out-of town guests were present, noon was greatly enjoyed and pleasing refreshments were served.

Miss Brainard returned to her home

in Washington, D. C., Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Holden were in Miss Marston returned to Brattlebo

Rev. G. E. Congdon of Fairfax began his pastorate of the Baptist church

Mrs. Martha Goodnew of Springfield was at N. R. Davis's from Friday to Dr. George Grafton Wilson and fam-

Mrs. C. W. Locke of Springfield was in town last week visiting her sister, Mrs. R. W. Barlow.

ly left for their home in Cambridge,

Mrs. Ellen Butterfield of Bellow. Falls, has been a guest of Mrs. Charles Barrett a few days. Miss Mary R. Cummings of Lisbon. N. H., was a guest of Mrs. R. W. Bar low from Friday to Monday.

rought the horse and outfit belongeg to Rev. Walter Walker of Seran-Miss Eliza Townshend, who had

Rev. William Weston Evans has

been spending the summer in town, returned to her home in Bridgeport, Coan., Sunday. Mrs. Flora L. Wolfe of Boston, who

had been a guest of Mrs. R. W. Barlow several weeks, returned to her home Wednesday. Mrs. Philip W. Moore and children, who had been at Sugar Bush farm for

several weeks, returned to their home in Chicago Tuesday, Mrs. J. Cook and W. H. Burbank, who had been visiting at Mrs. H, M Adams's returned to their home in

western New York Monday. Dr. C. W. Locke, Mrs. Baker and Mrs. Beckwith of Springfield motored to Grafton one day last week and were callers at Mrs. R. W. Barlow's. Miss Ruth Cole of Brookline, Mass., whose mother, Mrs. Nellie Dennis Cole, was a former visitor in town, was at The Tavern last week, returning to

her home Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. F. O. Merrifield, Mrs. Amy Butler, Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Walker, Mrs. Etta Hall, Mrs. H. M. Adams, Mrs. C. H. Wright and Frank Taylor attended the state Baptist convention in Chester Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of this week.

DUMMERSTON.

The Christian Endeavor society will hold a missionary rally in place of the usual service at 7.30 Sunday evening. Sketches of the life of Oriental women will be given by members of the society, who will appear in the costumes of women from Korea, China, Japan, Turkey and India. Accounts of mission work in these countries also will be

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